(a) whether there is any proposal for revamping the Export Oriented Units and Export Processing Zones; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken or proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b). Government have announced a package for 100% Export Oriented Units and units in the Export Processing Zones at part of the new Trade Policy. These include a revised procedure of application and processing of proposals under the two Schemes, delegation of some specific powers of Board of Approvals/Administrative Ministries to Development Commissionere of Export processing Zones for 100% EOUs and EPZ Units and certain procedural simplifications.

A.D.B. Loan for Indian Refineries

2697. SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are in negotiations with Asian Development Bank for loan assistance for development of refineries;

(b) if so, the amount of loan for which negotiations are going on; and

(c) the items involved under this project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) A.D.B. is considering a programme loan for assisting and rationalising energy conservation measures in Indian Refineries.

(b) and (c). The details of the proposed loan have not yet been finalised.

Export of Exotic Foods

2698. SHRI GOPINATH GAJAPATHI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a vast scope to export exotic foods;

(b) if so, the steps taken to explore the export potential of such foods; and

(c) the outcome thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED):(a) to (c). To promote exports of exotic foods, for which there is vast scope, Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) undertakes various developmental programmes through market development, product promotion, quality upgradation, improvement and packaging etc. Some financial assistance schemes are also offered by APEDA to exporters, manufactures and research institutions for upgradation and improvements in these fields. According to APEDA as a result of various steps taken by it, the export of exotic foods has increased from Rs. 32.3 crores in 1981 to Rs.88 crores in 1989-90 registering an increase of 173%.

Foreign Exchange Earnings from Marine Products

2699. DR. KARTIKESWAR PATRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether marine products constitute a significant source of foreign exchange earnings;

(b) if so, the foreign exchange earnings during the last two years in the public and private sectors;

(c) the priorities intensified or proposed to be intensified to revolutionise its production in coastal States and to encourage setting up of such industries/export units on a pilot basis, as an export promotion measure; and

(d) the number of such industries/export units in existence or proposed to be set up and the number out of them in Orissa?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHID): (a) Export of marine products constituted 2.95% of the total exports of the country in 1990-91 in value terms.

(b) Foreign exchange earned during last two years from th exports of marine products are:

(Rs. Crores)

Year	*Foreign exchange earned*
1989-90	635
1990-91	893

All exporters of marine products are in private sector.

(c) Shrimps constitute major portion of our export. To augment export production, Government is encouraging the production of shrimps through aquaculture. In this regard, Government is extending subsidy assistance for setting up hatcheries, aquaculture farms and also subsidy on seed and feed for boosting production of cultured shrimps. In addition to acquaculture, the Government is also encouraging diversified deep sea fishing to exploit nitherto unexploited deep sea marine resources.

(d) At present, there are 20 sea food exporters based in Orissa. The details of seafood industry in Orissa are as follows:-

	Nos.	*Capacity (Tonnes/day)*
Freezing plants	14	76.5
Cold Storage	18	1475.0

Government has not received any new proposal for setting up sea food industry in Orissa.

[*Translation*]

Income-Tax Outstanding Against Film Stars

2700. SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of film stars against whom income-tax demand of more than rupees one lakh is outstanding;

(b) the amount of income-tax outstanding against each such star;

(c) since when this amount is outstanding against each of them; and

(d) the details of the steps taken by the Government to recover the outstanding income-tax arrears?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) to (c). As on 30.6.1991, there were 68 film stars against whom income-tax demand of more than rupees one lakh was outstanding in each case. A list of these film stars indicating also the amount of income-tax outstanding in each case as on 30.6. 1991 and the financial year (s) during which the demand was raised, is enclosed.